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MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

The President's message was read in Congress on Tuesday. Though lengthy, it is remarkable for its temperate tone and absence of partisanship, and lacks much that it was charged the President would urge. He practically refers the questions of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines to Congress, which alone can decide on the form of government for them, or their disposition, he recommending a territorial government for Hawaii, a maintaining of the protectorate over Cuba till the thorough forming of its civil government, and local civil government in Porto Rico until the people are fitted to be given a territorial government. As to the Philippines, he recommends the maintenance of order and protection of life and property, and the substitution of civil for military rule as the condition of affairs will permit. The power to provide for these matters rests wholly with Congress, and he urges prompt action.

A CRIME TO BE POOR.

It is a crime to be poor in England. It is not so by statute or decision of courts, but it is so regarded and treated. England has no institutions or system of relief for the unfortunate and helpless provided and supported by the Government. The homeless and friendless poor have but one place to go—the workhouse, where petty criminals are sent and incarcerated, and the stigma of the workhouse rests ever after on the poor or the petty criminal alike who has ever been an inmate. Children born in the workhouse, whether their parents were confined as criminals or were merely poor, forced to accept shelter and food, are branded for life and barred from all respect or preferment. To have been an inmate of the workhouse in England is a disgrace so humiliating as to excite horror among decent poor people, and they often suffer hardship, exposure and starvation rather than go, especially with their families, to the workhouse.

In no other civilized country is there such heartless disregard and lack of provision for the unfortunate of humanity, and to all people save the English the English system is regarded as brutal. This is made manifest by the revolt of the Irish people against the attempt of the British Government to establish and enforce the English system, or rather abolish the Irish system of poor relief and substitute the workhouse therefor. It is no crime to be poor in Ireland. The Irish heart overflows with sympathy for the unfortunate and generous relief is extended them, even at the cost of sacrifice to the donor. Throughout Ireland there are boards of relief to look after and provide for the wants of the poor, and in cities and towns there are homes and hospitals where the poor are cared for and free industrial schools where poor children are given a home, education and taught to work at some useful occupation. The money to support these institutions is only partly borne by the local government, the larger proportion being from private donations.

The British Ministry has decided and so notified the local authorities of Dublin that appropriations of public funds for such institutions and associations is in violation of law and must cease. The announcement of the ministerial order at first caused the Irish people, to be followed by calm and deliberate consideration and a spontaneous organization

and an earnest petition and protest. In Dublin a newspaper item suggesting a meeting brought together informally Catholic and Protestant clergy, public officials, business men, regardless of politics. A temporary organization, with Archbishop Logue as chairman, was formed, a petition to Dublin's Town and District Councils was drawn up, circulated and signed by thousands, submitted to the councils, unanimously approved by them and forwarded to London. The Dublin organization, having been formally organized with a large membership, issued an address to the Town and District Councils throughout Ireland, asking their co-operation, with the result that committees are being named, and the movement will soon become an all-Ireland protest against the British Ministry's effort to interfere in the expenditure of the poor relief funds paid by Irish taxpayers. What ultimate course of action will be decided on in case the Ministry decline to withdraw the order has not been settled. If the right of the British Ministry to interfere in or exercise authority over Irish local affairs is to be the issue the question may be fought out in the courts, able attorneys having volunteered their services. If the law should be held to apply to Ireland, as claimed by the Ministry, then it will be made a Parliamentary issue in an effort to have the law amended so that Ireland will be left free to expend the money collected in taxes from her people for poor relief and to care for the poor as the Irish people may prefer. If Ireland is really to have local self-government, as claimed she has been granted under the council regime, she should be allowed to do this, and not be forced to adopt the repulsive workhouse system which, though it may suit England, is horrifying to the Irish.

RIDICULOUS.

The eagerness of England to impress the public with the belief that she is gaining friends to approve and uphold her in her foreign policy is sometimes ridiculous. Her claims for the past year of an alliance with the United States have been so persistent that some thoughtless or ignorant editors believe and denounce the alleged "secret alliance." There can be no such thing as a secret alliance on the part of the United States, since no one is authorized to represent or bind the Government in such compacts but the Senate, which must approve it. The President and his Cabinet have no such power, which is sufficient to disprove the reported "secret alliance." Now comes from London another silly report of a tripartite alliance of Great Britain, Germany and the United States, on this basis: The Emperor of Germany and the Prince of Wales attended the dinner on Thanksgiving of the Duke of Marlborough, whose wife is an American; at another Thanksgiving dinner United States Minister Choate, in responding to a toast, spoke in a complimentary way of the English people—as politeless would require a guest to do; and the talkative Chamberlain indulged in one of his harangues about Saxon and Anglo-Saxon friendship and unity, boasting that such an alliance could defy the world. From all this the London dispatch seeks to give a vague impression of the much-desired tripartite alliance, for which claim or hope, it is clearly seen, there is no ground.

We want the American Federation

TURNER FOR ROBERTS.

Brigham H. Roberts, Congressman-elect from Utah, was denied admission to Congress Tuesday by a vote of 302 to 30, on the ground that he was a polygamist, and a committee appointed to investigate charges against him. He disproved the charges that he was an alien by presenting his naturalization papers, and denied that he was guilty of violating the anti-polygamy law, had never been charged, arrested, or convicted of that or any other offense. The case is one without precedent, as Roberts is held to be guilty on mere assertion and denied his seat till proven innocent. Among those who voted against the resolution was Congressman Turner, of this district, who denies the right of Congress to exclude members-elect on mere charges. He contended Roberts should be admitted, the charges taken up, and if he be guilty, then expel him.

CENSOR IN AFRICA.

The censor in South Africa has not stopped the mail and belated war news is getting out, from which the condition of the British appears to be far from favorable. The Dutch in Cape Colony are only kept from open revolt by the presence of troops that ought to have gone to the relief of Ladysmith. There is no definite news from Gen. Methuen since his reported victory at Modder river, and there are fears that he has been lured into a trap and his army routed or captured. Even Gen. Buller, who was to march with the main force on to Pretoria and end the war, has been unable to advance over the Natal line. The latest dispatches from Cape Town given out acknowledge that there is nothing definite to report as to movements of the British forces, and that Methuen's location is only guessed.

Mr. C. E. Sheperd, Chairman of the Printing Committee of the City Council, has held up several claims for city printing for investigation. This has aroused some of the contractors to unfavorable criticism. Usually the Printing Committee in our legislative bodies is composed of men who know nothing about printing, and approve all bills from the "lowest bidder," being unaware of the fact that by using inferior material and incompetent labor the printing furnished by the lowest bidder is too often more of a gouge than if furnished by the highest bidder, who would comply fully with specifications and furnish the class of printing contracted for. Mr. Sheperd is a practical printer, and knows about the different classes of material and is determined to stop the practice of some firms of putting in the lowest bid for first-class printing, shutting out the honest bidder, and making money by furnishing an inferior class of printing at the price for first class, to the loss of the city and detriment of the printing craft generally.

The union label scored a victory in the awarding of the printing of the digest of city ordinances, the work going to Bradley and Gilbert, a union office. We do not believe the report that an effort will be made to repeal the label ordinance, but if it is true, let the attempt be made, as we have no doubt the new Council will stand the test and uphold honest labor. The claim that the ordinance is unconstitutional only comes from printing firms without the label, and though they have made this claim for years, none of them have undertaken to test it in the courts, the proper place to settle that issue.

The call for a State Federation of Labor in Kentucky seems to meet with favor. Such an organization properly managed can certainly do much in the way of securing favorable legislation and defeating obnoxious measures in the Legislature. It is worthy of a trial, and its inauguration indicates that Kentucky organized labor is getting out of the rut and preparing to join in progressive methods.

The Kentucky Irish American for this week has a special feature. It contains a list of names of the members of the Young Men's Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.



Charles Fisher has returned from West Baden Springs.

Mrs. Louis K. Webb was this week the guest of her mother in Nashville.

Will Miller, of West Zane street, has returned from a successful hunting trip.

Mrs. Dennis J. Nehan returned this week from Asheville, N. C., after a visit to her sister.

Fred Whitcomb was among the Louisvilleans who spent last week at West Baden Springs.

R. L. Kelly, a well known business man of Bowling Green, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foley, of Henderson, have returned home, after visiting here for several days.

Miss Marie Smythe, of Bardstown, Ky., spent several days in the city last week, the guest of Miss Nell Sexton.

James O'Connor, of East Walnut street, returned this week from Nazareth, where he had been visiting his daughter.

Mrs. Kate Grannon, of Jeffersonville, accompanied by her sister, Miss Lizzie Ryan, are visiting relatives in Chicago.

Miss Lullie Evans, of Boston, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon to be given by Miss Mary Boyle next Tuesday.

The many friends in this city of Mrs. Peter Madden will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at her home in Jeffersonville.

James Travell, of Guthrie, Tenn., has been visiting here since last Sunday as a guest of Mr. Ed Greaney, of Seventh and St. Catherine.

Miss Blanche Pilsen returned home Tuesday from Nazareth, where she enjoyed a delightful visit with her cousin, Miss Marie Costigan.

Mr. John Kane, of Huntingburg, spent Thanksgiving day with his sister, Mrs. E. Fleming. Mr. Kane is a popular conductor on the Air Line.

Mrs. William Kelly has gone to Alexandria, Ind., where she will remain till after the holidays. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Agnes Thompson.

Mr. Robert E. Fleming and little son, Thomas, are back from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fleming of Henderson, Ky., the parents of Mr. Fleming.

Miss Nell Sexton entertained several friends at dinner last Sunday in honor of Miss Marie Smythe, of Bardstown, who has been her guest for several days.

A pretty little daughter has arrived at the residence of Walter Casey, on Garland avenue, and the happy father is being deluged with congratulations.

Chairman Charles F. Grainger, of the Board of Public Works, has been confined to his room at the Louisville Hotel for several days with an attack of grip.

Corporal John Kelly is considered by many to be the most popular police officer in the city. John's courteous and pleasant ways are responsible for his popularity.

The Coterie Club members were delightfully entertained Tuesday evening by Miss Nora McAuliffe at her home in Jeffersonville. She was voted a charming hostess.

There has been a great many bouquets passed to Frank Cunningham this past week in regard to his acting in the Mackin Council and Aquinas Union entertainment.

Lieut. Jerry Hallihan won the silver match-box offered as a prize to the best gentleman player at the last party of the Young Men's Division. His victory was a popular one.

The Aquinas Union will tender the members of its dramatic company a banquet at their rooms next Monday evening. The occasion promises to be a most enjoyable one.

There have been a great many requests for the Aquinas Union to repeat their entertainment of Thanksgiving evening. They will consider it at their meeting next Monday night.

Michael J. Carroll and wife, 2225 High avenue, are happy over the arrival at their home of a handsome baby girl, in whose honor a reception to their friends is being arranged for.

Friends of Patsy Coleman, the well-known engineer, are mentioning him for a position on the detective force, all on account of the hard chase he gave a burglar one night last week.

Miss Nellie Broderick was the winner of the handsome silk umbrella offered as a prize to the ladies at the euchre party of the Young Men's Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Little Emmet Fleming has gone to Seymour, Ind., to visit Miss Nell Jonas, a charming young lady of that city. Emmet, like his charming mother, is a universal favorite wherever he goes.

The Bryant and Stratton College has a larger number of students this year than for several years past. Mrs. Miller and Mr. Stratton are regular teachers of the college.

of Mrs. Miller's former pupils will be rejoiced to hear of her return to the college. Her sister, Miss Katterjohn, a handsome, talented young lady, is a pupil of the stenographical department.

The dance and euchre of the Young Men's Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was one of the most recherche social events of the present social season. Those present are anxious for another after Advent.

News has been received here that Emmet Kennedy, who is studying for the priesthood at St. Mary's College, Md., is making rapid progress in his studies. This news will be gratifying to Emmet's many friends here.

Miss Laura Welch entertained a number of friends at her home Wednesday evening. There were games, music and a cake walk, and at midnight all partook of a bounteous luncheon. The cake was won by Miss Mayne Cannon and John Maguire.

Master James Nevin Cunningham has entirely recovered from the severe attack of malaria fever with which he has been suffering for the past four weeks. He is a bright, manly little fellow, and his many friends are glad to see him at school again.

Miss Cara Kelch gave an informal dance and card party at her home, 606 West Walnut street, Wednesday evening. Dancing and card playing were indulged in by the guests till a late hour, when refreshments were served. All those present expressed themselves as having spent a pleasant evening.

The ball given at the Galt House Tuesday evening by Dr. and Mrs. Wathen to introduce their daughters, Misses Mary and Katherine, was perhaps the most brilliant and enjoyable of the season. Nothing had been spared, and the occasion was one that will long be remembered by Louisville society.

Little Margaret Atkins, of 340 Second street, was given a delightful birthday party on December 5. Those present were Misses Marguerite Atkins, Eugenia Cunningham, Marie Murphy, Josephine Culp, Florence Erasime, Edith and Bessie Hunt, Katherine Atkins, Masters Charles Kist, William J. Schleich, George Wilhelm and Marion Weller.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Maher, Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Adams, Misses Mary Broderick, Katherine and Mayne Hallinan and Messrs. Albert Gilchrist, Harry Bartlett, Dan O'Hearn and Joseph Stanton formed a jolly party from this city to Charleston, Ind., where a dance and euchre party was given them by Mrs. Ben Schaefer. During the evening the guests were treated to a bounteous luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coen entertained a party of friends at their home, 309 Twenty-first street, Wednesday evening, in honor of Sir William Hume, of Manchester, Eng. The evening was devoted to literary and musical exercises of a very high order. Mr. Hume, who is one of the leading English publishers, is in this country for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures on chemistry before the faculties and students of the leading Catholic colleges and seminaries. His rendition of several elocutionary and musical selections was highly appreciated by the assembled guests. He is now visiting in Central Kentucky, and upon his return will be the guest of honor at several receptions now being arranged.

The marriage of Miss Flora Bartley and John Hickey was quietly solemnized Thanksgiving evening at Holy Cross church, Rev. Father Cunningham performing the ceremony. The pretty bride has been a pronounced favorite among her large number of friends in West End social circles, to whom the announcement came as a pleasing surprise. The groom is a popular fireman on the Louisville Southern railroad, and is well-known throughout the city. The attendants were Miss Annie Ehl and Deputy Circuit Court Clerk Mark Ryan. After the ceremony at the church an elegant supper was served to a number of intimate friends of the contracting parties at the residence of the groom's parents on Twenty-sixth street, where they are at home to their friends for the present.

Miss Katie Smith entertained the Knockers' Club with a euchre last Wednesday evening at her residence, Fifth and B streets. Those present were Misses Katie B. Lannin, Lily Halligan, Mary K. O'Malley, Mayne Mullaney, Mollie McCarthy, Mayne Deucher, Lily Gordon, Mayne Keefe, Katie and Mamie A. Hartigan, Margaret and Nellie Carroll, Ella Connelly, Mayne Connell and Mrs. Mary Monahan; Messrs. Walter Proctor, George Raughtenbusch, John Barry, Joe Meehan, John Burke, George Gast, Charles Halbeck, Edward Owens, Larry Smith and James Hartigan. First prize for ladies was won by Miss Mayne Deucher, second prize by Miss Mollie McCarthy; first prize for gentlemen was won by Edward Owens, second prize by Joseph Meehan. The refreshments were served after the euchre.

CONVALESCING.

Miss Annie Kelly, one of the most popular young lady members of the Ladies' Auxillary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who has been seriously ill at her home for several weeks, is now reported convalescent, and her friends are now hopeful for her speedy recovery.

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I.
A torrid sun remorselessly is driving down his heat,
The fire, as of a furnace, grips each callous London street,
And dry and hungry as the grass that withers in park and square,
Is this poor Irish heart of mine in London's stifling air;
My sighs are speeding homeward, and my fancies build anew
The pleasant scenes that met of old a boy's enchanted view,
With many a fervent blessing my dearest thought overflows
To the bonnie braes of Mourne, where the whin bush grows.

II.
Ah! rich are London's citizens, and wealth does much abound,
And fortunes here each day are lost, and other fortunes found,
Each inch of ground is colored by the lustre of the gold,
Yet spite of all the heat and wealth my heart is drear and cold,
I would barter all its pleasures, all its riches, all its pride,
For one sweet, salt-laden whisper from old Carlingford's deep tide,
For one hour of buoyant boyhood plucking hazelnuts and sloes,
By the bonnie braes of Mourne, where the whin bush grows.

III.
The coffered wealth of London finds its foil in London's woe,
As great seas that feel the sunshine can wild storm-waves also know;
There is light as well as bounty in the fruitful harvest sheaf,
And each joy that laughs in London has its counterpart in grief;
Near where living shrews struggle some poor skeleton decays,
And both glow and gloom have fallen on my changeable city days;
But as light as grain of thistledown, I rated all my woes
But the bonnie braes of Mourne, where the whin bush grows.

IV.
Gardens gay with wondrous blossoms in the midst of London stand,
Showing skeptics what rare marvels can be fashioned by God's hand,
Choice exotics, flowers whose fragrant zephyrs, pausing, seek to woo;
Flowers whose vivid, rainbow colors painter's pencil never drew,
Lift their winsome heads. Yet never can the fairest of them all
Steal with love unto my senses, or my being hold in thrall,
Like the simple yellow gorse-bloom that in freedom buds and blows
By the bonnie braes of Mourne, where the whin bush grows.

*The ordinary furze-bush, with its dainty yellow blossom, is known in Ulster as the "whin bush."

CHAFF.

During the month of November the number of marriages in the Indian Territory amounted to six thousand. This among the maidens of the Choctaw tribe alone. The grooms were white men, of good families. The secret of such a boom in the matrimonial market lies in the fact that 1,100 acres of land are to be given as a dowry to every Choctaw lady married before the first of December. If any old maids remain among the Choctaws after this alluring inducement there will be no one to blame but themselves.

Kimberly is not the only place in the world where diamonds are found. Long before the discovery of Kimberly these stones were found in India, Borneo, Brazil and in the Ural mountains. None of these localities afforded any information as to their origin. Kimberly is unique in this particular, for they are not only found here, but they are also formed in the same locality. Diamonds have been found in different parts of the United States. Especially is this true of regions about the great lakes. They have been kept as souvenirs in farm houses for years before being discovered by any one versed in precious stones. That they are carried in the glacial drift after the heavier debris has been deposited to regions farther south is well known to geologists. Since the war between the Boers and the British diamonds have advanced 70 per cent in value.

It may be encouraging to teachers and mothers to remember that many great and good men were considered bad and troublesome as boys. Great men have strong impulses and sturdy natures, and when we consider that children act from impulse and not judgment, we must easily conceive that the child of large nature may be hard to control. No uniform rule can be laid down either in school or home by which children can be governed. Instincts of honor, honesty, order and sense as resemble them are found in different degrees in each child, but are more or less common to all. Outside of these virtues no two children are alike, no more than sweetpeas resemble hollyhocks or sunflowers are like roses. The same warm sun and gentle rain develop them all, this true, but the same discipline and similarity of rules will be found incompatible with different forms of child nature. In the East these facts are realized and taken hold of by mothers and teachers, and societies are formed where, in these two important factors of child preservation and advancement meet and discuss all matters pertaining to this wonderfully interesting subject. Nothing of the kind seems to exist here. The Dominican nuns either in Boston or Philadelphia have a mothers' meeting once, I believe, every week, or probably two weeks. These educated, refined, up-to-date teachers realize the necessity of working in harmony with the mothers of their pupils, and discuss freely all subjects connected with the rearing and educating of children.

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child nature. What a help to mothers, this contact of tact, gentleness and intelligence! The good wrought by such will roll down the ages unto eternity. The Sisters of Mercy are known to have such institutes also in some of the Eastern States. The good done in this manner by these two orders of cloistered teachers is known in its fullest extent to Him alone who watches from the heavenly towers everything good or had done to these little ones.

Miss Elsa Ruegger, a beautiful Belgian cellist, has won renown in astronomy as well as in music. The "harmony of the spheres" is sweeter to the ear of this young violinist than even the divine strains of the divinest of all musical instruments. Any fine night, when not engaged in her chosen profession, she can be found at her telescope tracing the heavenly constellations and otherwise perfecting her already fine understanding of astronomy. Many women have become eminent in astronomy; some even have reached such heights as to be able to predict the time of a comet's appearance in some remote "corner" of the skies. Miss Maria Herschell was of the greatest assistance to her brother, the renowned astronomer, after whom the planet was named, she herself having discovered many of the asteroids.

Winter is the best season for star-gazing. The crisp, cold air makes the sky seem more blue and the stars assume greater brilliancy. The most beautiful of all constellations—Orion—mentioned in the Book of Job, the Pleiades, Gemini with its twin brothers Castor and Pollux, Canis Major, Canis Minor, Betelgeuse in the handle of the big dipper, though this latter can be seen all the year round, yet it seems a better color in winter. Andromeda, Lyra, Cassiopeia and many other distinctly shaped constellations are all easily traced and once learned are hardly ever forgotten. The southern and western parts of the city are best for star-gazing, as hardly a square yard of sky can be seen here in the central part unless one travel to the roof of a building or climb up a church steeple. Students must perforce go East or further North to enjoy the luxury of an observatory.

There is now a new post-office at Nerine, Ky., with a Sister of Loretto as a regularly appointed postmistress. From this chosen spot is issued monthly a pleasing little pamphlet bearing the name Loretto Magazine. It is the work of the Sisters and pupils of the academy near by, and is in every respect a credit to the institution. Many bright, cheery anecdotes are to be found on its pages, and if more generally known it could not but bring many students to this garden spot of old Kentucky.

The complete annihilation, death from starvation of the body and mind. Of a brave little woman in the city of New York, not quite two weeks ago, as a possibility that might befall any person alone in a large city, is a fact calculated to make one shudder. A courageous, hard-working, energetic young creature, had she sold for money her claim on heaven she could be yet living, dressed in all the splendor of Jezebel. Day after day she carried her manuscript in her hand, tramping the pitiless streets of a modern Babylon, her colorless cheeks begging for food, too proud to stoop to idleness, starving even as she walked. This true woman, who nursed her sister and husband till death called them away from her, was compelled to die of hunger in the most gorgeous city of America, where millionaires are plentiful and fashions abound. Poor Evelyn Adams!
ANNIE NEVIN CUNNINGHAM.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS.

Branch 25, Catholic Knights of America, nominated officers for the next year at its meeting Monday evening, held in St. John's Hall, Clay and Walnut streets. The election takes place December 18, and a large attendance will be brought out, as the members are always keenly alive to the importance of making the best possible selections.

President William Meehan last week paid the \$2,000 due on the death of the late Maurice A'Hearn. There is no order in this city which pays death claims more promptly than the Catholic Knights, which is reported to be now stronger than ever before in its history.

The various branches in Louisville will install the officers elected for the year 1900 at the January meetings.

QUIET WEDDING.

A quiet but impressive marriage was that solemnized Wednesday morning of last week at the Church of St. Frances of Rome, Clifton, when Mr. James Lee, a prominent stock raiser of Elizabethtown, and Miss Mary Whitehead, of Clifton, were united. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father T. Walter White. The bride was undisputedly the most popular young lady of that high-toned and exclusive suburb, Clifton, which boasts, and justly so, of many beautiful and accomplished young women. Miss Whitehead is a first cousin of the famous Rev. Dr. Stafford, of Washington, D. C. After the wedding the happy couple left for Washington and were present at the opening of Congress.

Holiday Excursion Rates via Southern Railway.
The Southern railway has arranged rates of fare and one-third for the round trip for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Tickets will be sold by all agents December 22, 23, 24 and 25; also December 30 and 31 and January 1, with return limit January 4, 1900.

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For further information, rates, etc., apply to nearest agent of the Southern railway or connect with W. A. Turk, General Passenger Agent, Washington, D. C. W. H. Dyer, Louisville, Ky., General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky.

WONDERS

Rare and Beautiful Seen at Santa Claus' Headquarters.

Something to Delight the Children and Amuse the Old Folks as Well.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AT BACON & SONS

With the nearing of the holiday season the up-to-date merchant contrives to arrange for his windows and store rooms a display in keeping with the festive season. Where there were previously only commonplace articles of merchandise to set off the windows and counters, there comes with the Christmas tide an array of special holiday offerings that presents a vivid contrast to the everyday exhibits just supplanted.

It is a well known fact that Louisville people are in a far more prosperous condition than for several Christmases just past, and in view of this fact our merchants will vie with each other in providing for their establishments unique and attractive displays of their holiday wares.

One large store of this city in particular is always a sort of Santa Claus headquarters. The children from year to year look forward with joyful anticipation to the time when J. Bacon & Sons, on Market street, between Preston and Jackson, shall announce to the public that their ever popular displays are ready for inspection.

The announcement came Saturday, and in the afternoon hundreds of little girls and boys were crying "to go to Bacon's." Indulgent mothers could not resist, nor did they even try, for it must not be forgotten that grown people love to see Bacon's windows just the same as the little people. The consequence was that early Saturday afternoon the usual crowd had gathered about the well-known "east window," which is a household word all over Louisville for its ingenious Christmas displays. The sidewalks were soon blocked, and it was with great difficulty that the freight handlers unloaded the great wagons, full of Christmas novelties, that were lined up against the curbing.

The famous "east window" this season presents to the astonished eyes of the little one three wonderful jugglers and a tight-rope walker. The latter is a fanciful figure, dressed in pink and blue, who does surprising things on the tight rope. Every now and then the children would clutch mamma's hand, thinking the harlequin was going to fall. But not so. Instead it was just a little trick of his to surprise them.

Then, while a grotesque little Filipino girl plays upon an accordion, and a towse-headed African thrums his banjo, the figure raises his foot, thrusts it through a hoop in his left hand, and then coquettishly waves his red and yellow parasol. While you are wondering how he is going to get out of his position he suddenly solves it for you, retracting his pedal in the same way which it went through at the beginning.

The three jugglers are very captivating themselves. The first, who is as gaudily dressed as the Humpty Dumpty pictures of our childhood, is a magician worth seeing. Some of Bacon's little admirers are talking of inviting Hermann, the great, to come up and see a "sure enough" prestidigitator, who deftly knocks his own head off with a fan, finds it in a dice box, and with a second wave of his wonderful fan restores it to his shoulders. If Hermann can heat this, they say, he is a genius, to be sure.

The second juggler is not far behind in astonishing feats. He has a very wise look upon his face all the time, and you can easily see that he knows a lot more than you might at first glance suppose. He does his trick with a big, high hat and a flaming red handkerchief. He smiles as he lays the handkerchief over the hat, and you feel right away that he knows his business. Then, all of a sudden, he lifts the covering, thrusts his hand in the hat and pulls out—a mouse! It is really wonderful, and the children clap their hands in genuine glee. Covering the hat again, the magician smiles pleasantly, and then reaches in and takes out the cutest little rabbit you ever saw.

The third juggler stands at a little table. He wears a comical peaked hat, like a clown in a circus, which he takes off and places over the table. When he lifts the hat you behold a beautiful gold ring lying upon the table. Then he covers the ring and table with the hat for the second time, and when he next lifts it you see a football where the ring lay. For the third time he does his marvellous trick, and lo! there lies on the table a die. Through the entire performance the Filipino maid and the little negro boy play on their respective instruments, just as if they had been used to seeing such things all their lives.

On the inside the display is pretty nearly as much like fairyland as the pantomime in the window. The toy room is more dazzling and attractive than ever before, and the children's delight is proportionately increased. One very strong attraction is a long glass case filled with dolls of all sizes and nationalities. Mechanical toys abound in great profusion, all plainly marked with their price in large figures.

J. Bacon & Sons have long enjoyed an enviable distinction for the ingeniousness of their holiday displays, and the present one will add to their already widespread fame.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Joseph Kelly, the young son of William Kelly, suffered a serious accident Wednesday evening by breaking his arm. He was standing by the Great and Pennant Hotel when he fell from the roof.

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